



# City of Benbrook

## CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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| DATE:<br>4/02/2020 | REFERENCE<br>NUMBER:<br>G-2461 | SUBJECT:<br>Approve Opticom Agreement with Texas<br>Department of Transportation | PAGE:<br>1 of 1 |
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The attached Opticom Agreement is the standard agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and municipalities seeking to install traffic signal preemption equipment on TXDOT owned traffic signals. The equipment allows emergency vehicle operators to manipulate traffic signals in their path, providing emergency vehicles the right-of-way and materially reducing response times.

TXDOT has final approval on all materials, equipment and installation methods. The City will be responsible for the actual installation and long-term maintenance of the preemption equipment to be installed at the following TXDOT intersections:

- Hawkins Home Blvd and Benbrook Blvd
- Stevens Dr and Benbrook Blvd
- RM 2871 and Benbrook Blvd
- Jerry Dunn Pkwy and RM 2871
- Lakeway Dr and Benbrook Blvd
- Westpark Dr and Benbrook Blvd
- Sproles Dr and Benbrook Blvd
- Mercedes St and Benbrook Blvd
- Benbrook Field Dr and Benbrook Blvd
- US 377 and EB I-20 Frontage
- US 377 and WB I-20 Frontage
- Cooks Ranch Rd and US 377
- Mary's Creek Dr and US 377
- Winscott Rd and EB I-20 Frontage
- Winscott Rd and WB I-20 Frontage

While located in Benbrook, the intersection of RM 2871 and Rolling Hills was excluded from the above list as the existing traffic signals are owned by the City of Fort Worth, not TXDOT. Staff is working to resolve this issue, but due to the likely lead time to correct, the intersection was not included in the agreement.

The preemption equipment will also be installed at the following City-owned intersections:

- Old Benbrook Rd and Winscott Rd
- Mercedes St and Winscott Rd
- Timbercreek Rd and Winscott Rd
- Lakeside Dr and Winscott Rd

All emergency vehicles (Fire, Police and EMS) will be fitted with Opticom activation equipment. The same equipment will also be used to operate the gates on the Clear Fork Emergency Access Bridge. All costs associated with installation and ongoing maintenance are included in the 2019/2020 Budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that City Council approve the Opticom Agreement between the City of Benbrook and Texas Department of Transportation.

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| SUBMITTED BY: | DISPOSITION BY COUNCIL:<br><input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (DESCRIBE) | PROCESSED BY:<br><br>CITY SECRETARY |
| CITY MANAGER  |  | DATE:                               |